



# Media Information

Columbus Division of Police

Date: 11/03/2018

Special Victims Bureau / Sexual Assault Unit

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Ext:

Type of Offense/Incident: Attempt Abduction/Impersonating an Officer

Date: 11/2/2018

Time: 1:30PM

Location of Offense/Incident: 874 S. Weyant Avenue

Zone: 2

Precinct: 9

Incident Report #: 180924739

Cruiser District: 91

Victim: B.T

Sex: F

Race: W

Age: 39

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Suspect: Randall B. Tharp

Address: 12284 Mauger Rd. Baltimore, Ohio

☒ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex: M

Race: W

Age: 35

Charges: Attempt Abduction (F-4) and Impersonating an Officer (F-3)

Suspect:

Address:

☐ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Charges:

**Incident Summary:** On November 1, 2018, the victim was walking in the area of S. Weyant Ave./ E. Mound St. when she was approached by a male white, later identified as Randall Tharp, driving a black Camaro. Mr. Tharp had a black hand gun, handcuffs, and, was wearing a bullet proof vest and a baseball cap with 'POLICE' written on it. Mr. Tharp identified himself as a Columbus Police Detective and ordered the victim into his car. The victim fled the scene when Mr. Tharp did not produce a badge.

On November 2, 2018, the victim was outside of her residence when she again observed Mr. Tharp drive by in the same vehicle wearing the same police looking attire as the day before. Mr. Tharp stopped his car and exited with a black gun in his hand and ordered the victim into the vehicle. Again, Mr. Tharp identified himself as a Columbus Police detective. The victim was able to flee to her residence. Mr. Tharp returned a 3<sup>rd</sup> time a few minutes later in a Chevy truck and once again attempted to get the victim into his vehicle. The victim ran to her residence.

Mr. Tharp was arrested and charged with one count of Attempt Abduction (F-4) and one count of Impersonating an Officer (F-3).

Mr. Tharp has a criminal history which includes Kidnapping and sex offenses.

Det. Ron Haynes is the primary investigator.

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